Setting up of IIM in North East

1833. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a final decision has been taken to set up an Indian Institute of Management in the North-Eastern Region of the country;

(b) if so, the location thereof and the time likely to be taken for the institute to start functioning; and

(c) if not, by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes sir. The Government has decided to set up an Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in the North-Eastern Region (NER) at an appropriate location to be decided by the Ministry of Development of North-Eastern Region (DoNER) in consultation with the Chief Ministers of the States in the NER.

The Ministry of DoNER has constituted a Committee comprising of Secretary, Ministry of DoNER, Secretary, Department of Secondary and Higher Education and Director, IIM, Calcutta to recommend the most suitable location for the proposed IIM from amongst the two places namely Guwahati and Shillong after considering all the relevant aspects about these places.

The time taken for the institute to start functioning will depend upon the availability of requisite infrastructure etc. at the location of the proposed IIM.

Border area projects

1834. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Border Area Projects instituted in different parts and international borders of the country;

(b) the number of employees in different categories working and their strength in the Border Area Projects all over the country;

(c) whether Government have made any study about the problems confronting the projects including the non-payment of salaries to the staff; and

(d) if so, the action taken or to be taken in this regard with special reference to Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) There are 84 Border Area Projects in 14 States.

(b) There are 1092 employees in different categories working under Border Area projects. The details is as under:

Sl.No.	Category	Strength
1.	Accountant Clerk	58
2.	Mukhya sevika	56
3.	Peons	45
4.	Driver	66
5.	Gramsevika	326
6.	Craft Teachers	254
7.	Dai	287

(c) Yes, Sir. As far as non-payment of salaries to the staff is concerned, the share of Government of India through Central Board is released in three instalments during a year. However, constraints are there in the States where respective State Governments are not releasing their due share in time. The concerned State Governments are reminded from where releases are pending as and when required.

(d) Five Border Area Projects are functional in Tripura and an amount of Rs. 25.00 lakhs has been released during the current financial year.